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Call 511 for road information

For more information: 701-328-4444

## Motorists reminded to obey road closure signs

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol remind motorists that it is important to obey road closure signs because it is against the law to go around a road sign and travel on a road that is closed. When a road is closed, that means it is unsafe to travel due to the road conditions.

- I-29 from Grand Forks to the South Dakota border remains closed due to snow, blowing snow, near zero visibility, icy roads and water near the roadway which is creating a driving hazard. This also includes the I-29 detour on ND Hwy 18 and ND Hwy 200 A.
- The South Dakota Department of Transportation has also **closed I-29 from the South Dakota border to Brookings**.
- A **No Travel Advisory** is still in effect for the southeast region of the state including I-94 and highways south of the Interstate which includes the cities of Fargo, Wahpeton, Lisbon, Hillsboro, Mayville, Jamestown, Valley City and the surrounding areas due to heavy snowfall, blowing and drifting snow, and reduced visibility.
- A Travel Alert remains in effect for the north east region of North Dakota due to reduced visibility, as well as blowing snow, snow covered and flooded roads. The Travel Alert includes Grand Forks and the surrounding area. A Travel Alert also remains in effect for the south central region of North Dakota to include the cities of Bismarck and Mandan and surrounding areas due to blowing snow sticking to the roadway creating icy road conditions.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: <a href="www.511.nd.gov">www.511.nd.gov</a> for road and weather conditions. Please be advised that information on 511 is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CST. The 511 road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.

If motorists become stranded they should stay with their vehicle and call 911for emergency assistance.